



Discussion Guide

Let's Talk

Which of the following are mentioned in the Bible?

- An apple in the Garden of Eden
- Three Wise Men
- Cleanliness is next to Godliness
- God helps those who help themselves
- God works in mysterious ways
- God will not give you more than you can handle

Answer: None! Were you surprised by this fact? What other sayings have you heard people misattribute to the Bible?

Let's Study

Read 2 Timothy 2:14-15

- What does it mean to accurately handle or "rightly divide" the word of truth? It may be helpful to consider that the Greek phrase literally signifies "cutting a straight line" as a metaphor for cutting out a road through the countryside.

Read 2 Timothy 2:16-19 and 1 Timothy 6:20

- In one translation, it says avoid "godless chatter". This verse refers to 1 Timothy 6:20, which speaks to false teachings. What's the difference between being drawn into fruitless debates based on misinterpretation of the Scriptures propagated by false teachers and standing for the truth?
- Why does Paul condemn the teaching of Hymenaeus and Philetus? Why is their teaching about the resurrection dangerous?
- Paul knew that people, when under pressure, are tempted to alter the gospel to make it more culturally acceptable and accommodating. Discuss why the gospel does not need to be altered to be relevant to life today?

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21

- What is the meaning of the figurative language in these verses? Describe the characteristics of honourable and dishonourable vessels



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Read 2 Timothy 2:22-23

- Paul tells us not only to flee from sin, but also to pursue righteousness. Practically speaking, how may you pursue righteousness this week?

Read 2 Timothy 2:24-26

- Should we call out a false teacher or ignore them? How would you go about doing this?

Let's Apply

2 Timothy 2:19a reads, "But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his..." How does this statement affect how you see yourself, and as a result, how you live?

The verse goes on to say, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." We are called to holiness. Discuss how we may encourage and hold each other accountable to the truths of the Scriptures in and through our Connect Groups.

Let's Pray

Lord, reveal to us false teaching and teachers we have believed, and correct us in accordance with your truth. Help us to be direct and gentle as we speak with unbelievers and those who believe false teachings. We choose to pursue the righteousness, faith, love, and peace that comes to those who call upon the Lord. AMEN.